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THE

ROYAL INFIRMARY

FOR THE

DISEASES OF THE EYE,

Under the Direction of Mr. WATHEN PHIPPS, Surgeon and Oculist in Ordinary to His Majesty, and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

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THERE are scarcely any Diseases incident to the Human Frame, to which the Poor of this Metropolis, from a Variety of local and other Circumstances, are more subject than those which affect the Eye; nor are there any whose Consequences are more painful and distressing.

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This general Consideration, added to the peculiar Sufferings of the Soldiers and Sailors since the Egyptian Expedition, induced Mr. WATHEN PHIPPS to lay before THEIR MAJESTIES, through the Condescension of His Royal Highness the Duke of CUMBERLAND, the Proposition of establishing an Infirmary, exclusively for the Reception of Persons afflicted with Diseases of the Eye, where every Advantage resulting from Operations, proper Treatment, Attention, and Diet, may be obtained. He has for many Years past received indiscriminately all poor Persons labouring under Diseases of the Eye on certain Days and Hours, and administered to them gratuitously both Advice and external Applications. But as the Number of these has for fourteen Years past amounted annually to 1000, 1500, and even to 2000, the small Relief afforded by a single Individual is totally inadequate to their Wants, since, in a Varicty of Cases and Operations, they require the Aid of an Hospital, where they may receive Advantages which it is impossible to give them at their own Habitations. These Facts having been represented to THEIR MAJESTIES, they have most humanely and graciously condescended not only to approve this Plan, but also to become the Patrons of it and Benefactors to it. His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES and the other Branches of the Royal Family, have also been pleased to receive it under their Protection. With this Sanction the Promoters of this Institution appeal to a generous Public to second their Endeavours, and enable them by their Contributions to establish such a Foundation as will secure to the afflicted every Comfort and Advantage their Situations may demand, by admitting those into the House who may require peculiar Attention, or may be the Subjects of the Operation for the Cataract, and by extending more widely and effectually the Help of Advice and Medicine to those whom it will not be necessary to take into the Infirmary.

At a Meeting of Noblemen and Gentlemen, held at Mr. WATHEN PHIPPS's, No. 6, Corke Street, Burlington Gardens, on the 20th of December 1804; His Royal Highness the Duke of CUMBERLAND in the Chair;

Present,

The Earl of BESSBOROUGH,	The Rt. Hon. Lord BRUCE,
J. FULLER, Esq. M. P.	THOMAS STEPNEY, Esq.
J. J. ANGERSTEIN, Esq.	Rev. L. DUTENS,
Rev. Dr. CLARKE,	CHARLES S. PYEUS, Esq.
Major THORNTON,	Captain STEVENSON,
Dr. CLARKE,	JONATHAN WATHEN, Esq.
JAMES MOORE, Esq.	THOMAS SLACK, Esq.

And others;

The following Resolutions, moved by the Earl of BESSBOROUGH, and seconded by the Right Honourable Lord BRUCE, were unanimously agreed to:

1st, That THEIR MAJESTIES, His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, and the other Branches of the Royal Family, having graciously condescended to patronize an Institution intended to be established under the Direction of Mr. WATHEN PHIPPS, bearing the Name of the ROYAL INFIRMARY FOR THE DISEASES OF THE EYE, the Benefactions and Contributions of the Public be requested to carry the same into effect.

2dly, That the following Gentlemen, with the Approbation of HIS MAJESTY, be appointed the Medical Officers, without any Emolument:

Consulting Surgeon—Mr. WATHEN.

Operating Surgeon and Surgeon in Ordinary—Mr. WATHEN PHIPPS.

Visiting Apothecary—Mr. BRANDE', Apothecary to Their Majesties.

And that the following Gentlemen, who have kindly offered their Assistance in such Cases as may require Medical Advice, be appointed Consulting Physicians:

Sir WALTER FARQUHAR, Bart. M. D. Physician to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Dr. VAUGHAN, Physician Extraordinary to His Majesty.

Dr. FRYAR, Physician to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.

3dly, That a Donation of Twenty Guineas constitute a Life Governor, with the Privilege of having Three Patients constantly on the Books.

That an annual Subscription of Two Guineas and upwards, constitute a Governor, with the Privilege of having Three Patients constantly on the Books.

That a Donation of Ten Guineas constitute a Life Governor, with the Privilege of having Two Patients constantly on the Books. Each of the above have a Vote.

That an annual Benefaction of One Guinea afford the Privilege of having One Out-Patient constantly on the Books, but have no Vote.

That an annual Benefaction of Half-a-Guinea afford the Privilege of sending One Out-Patient in the Year, but have no Vote.

4thly, That another General Meeting be called by public Advertisement on Saturday the 26th of January 1805, to be held at the Thatched House Tavern, in St. James's Street, at Half past Eleven o'Clock, for the Choice of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Committee; and on other Business.

5thly, That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to His Royal Highness the Duke of CUMBERLAND, for his Condescension in taking the Chair, and for his able Conduct therein.

The above Appointments and Resolutions were revised and carried at a second Meeting on Saturday the 22d of December 1804, and on the 23d were confirmed by His Majesty, who was graciously pleased to grant them his Royal Assent and Approbation.

Donations and Subscriptions will be received at the following Bankers:

Messrs. BIDDULPH and COX, *Charing Cross.*
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